Year	Closed/Merged	Opened/Relocated
2000-2001	1. No. 2 Khamaria, M.P. (Merged with No. 2 GCF Jabalpur)	1. Ooty, Tamilnadu (Converted into Civil sector)
	2. No. 4 Jhansi, U.P. (Merged with No. 3 Jhansi)	2. Silvassa, U.T.
	3. No. 2 OEF Kanpur, U.P. (Merged with No. 1 OEF Kanpur)	3. ITI Mankapur, U.P. (Converted into Civil Sector)
	4. No. 3 Itarsi, M.P. (Merged with No. 2 Itarsi)	4. ITI Naini, U.P. (Converted into Civil Sector)
	5. No. 2 Dinjan, Assam (Merged with No. 1 Dinjan)	

Grants to students studying abroad

2894. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the grants provided to students by Government studying abroad during the last three years; year- wise; and

(b) the number of students who have undertaken research work in foreign countries during the above mentioned period, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) This Ministry does not operate any such scheme under which financial grants may be extended to students for higher studies/research work abroad. However, this Ministry processes offers of scholarships and fellowships from a few countries under the Cultural Exchange Programmes, Commonwealth Scholarships/Fellowships and Miss Agatha Harrison Memorial Fellowships. The following number of students were sent abroad under these programmes during the last three years for higher studies/ research:.

1997-98	84
1998-99	92
1999-2000	73

Foreign direct investment in Mining Sector

2895. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Mines functioning in the country at present, State-wise and the quantum of gold, diamond, mica, iron-ore etc. extracted annually from them;

(b) whether Government have decided to open up diamond mining sector to international companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof, indicating the percentage of foreign direct investment and Government's stake in the venture;

(d) whether any offer has been received by Government in this regard and if so, what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) As per information available with Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate office of Ministry of Mines, the details of mines functioning in the country as on March, 2000 and the quantum of gold, diamond, mica and iron ore extracted during 1999-2000 as per provisional estimates are given in the statement. (see below).

(b) and (c) Foreign equity participation upto 74% is permitted on the automatic route for exploration and mining of diamonds and precious stones. For proposals seeking higher than 74% foreign equity, the cases will have to come to the Foreign Investment Promotion Board for approval.

(d) At present the Central Government has no plans to participate in any joint vcenture diamond project.